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Application No. : 10/561,824
Applicant(s) : **Michael HEIL et al.**
Received : December 22, 2005
Title : **DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROCESSING
PACKAGES WHICH ARE CONTINUOUSLY
PREPARED ON CARRIER ELEMENTS**
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**LETTER RE COMPLETION OF FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION ENTERING U.S. NATIONAL
STAGE IN U.S. ELECTED OFFICE (EO/US) UNDER 35 USC 371**

Sir:

In response to the "Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US)" mailed July 6, 2006, attached hereto are the following documents for filing in the above-identified United States Patent Application:

1. an English translation of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/006839 as originally filed June 24, 2004, identifying the correct number of claims (21) originally filed in the PCT application;
2. an English translation of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/006839, amended and attached to the International Preliminary Report on Patentability (PCT/IPEA/409) (with English translation of Amended Sheets);

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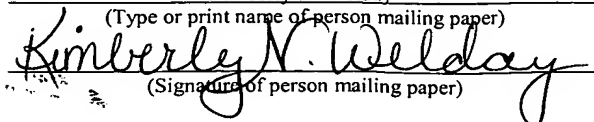
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3. executed Declaration and Power of Attorney;
4. the required copy of the above mentioned "Notice" to be returned with the response;
5. one-month Petition for Extension of Time; and
6. a check in the amount of \$250.00 to cover the processing fee (\$130.00) and the one-month Petition for Extension of Time large entity fee (\$120.00).

The Notification of Missing Requirements states that the English translation submitted with the initiation of the National Phase filed December 22, 2005, was defective because the number of claims in the International Application and the number of claims in the translation were not the same. A copy of the English translation of PCT/EP2004/006839 and a copy of the amended application as attached to the PCT/IPEA/409 are enclosed. Please note there were originally 21 claims in the International application; however, when the application was amended, the claims were reduced to 20. Applicants believe this completes the requirements for acceptance of the above PCT application under 35 U.S.C. 371.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, or to **credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0650**. The original and one (1) copy of this Letter are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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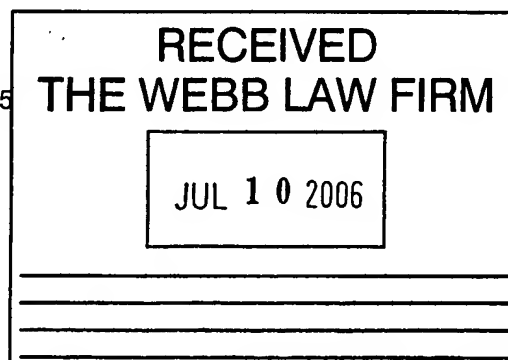
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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 12/22/2005
- English Translation of the IA filed on 12/22/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 12/22/2005
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 12/22/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 12/22/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 12/22/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 12/22/2005
- Specification filed on 12/22/2005
- Claims filed on 12/22/2005
- Abstracts filed on 12/22/2005
- Drawings filed on 12/22/2005



The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Translation of the application into English. The current translation of the application into English is defective as described below. Note a processing fee will be required if submitted later than 30 months from the priority date.
 - The number of claims in the International Application and the number of claims in the translation are not the same.
- Processing fee of \$130 for providing the translation of the application and/or the Annexes later than 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).
- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application

by the International application number and international filing date.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

- \$130 for English translation surcharge required.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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